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1. FEB. 26 AFTERNOON YOMIURI CARRIES REPORT DATELINED WASHINGTON QUOTEING GOVERNMENT SOURCES TO EFFECT THAT USG HAS DECIDED TO RECALL AMBASSADOR HODGSON FOR URGENT CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING TRANSMITTAL OF NAMES OF GOJ OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN LOCKHEED CASE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES BASED ON THIS STORY, WHICH ALSO HAS APPEARED IN AFTERNOON TELEVISION NEWSCASTS, WE ARE USING THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: QTE THE AMBASSADOR'S TRIP TO THE U.S. HAS BEEN SCHEDULED SINCE EARLY JANUARY. NOT ONLY WAS HE NOT QTE RECALLED UNQTE, BUT IN JANUARY HE REQUESTED AND WAS GIVEN TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TRIP BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. HE IS MAKING SPEECHES AND APPEARANCES IN FOUR CITIES, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. THE TRIP IS UNRELATED TO THE CURRENT CONTROVERSY AND IT WOULD BE INCORRECT TO CHARACTERIZE IT OTHERWISE. UNQTE.
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